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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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SUBJ: FRELIMO PRESIDENT SPEAKS OUT ON MOZAMBIQUE

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1544

1. INTERVIEWD BY TANU-OWNED SWAHILI-LANGUAGE UHURU MAY 19, FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL SAID INDEPENDENCE FOR MOZAMBIQUE IS NOT NEGOTIABLE IT IS BIRTHRIGHT OF PEOPLE. HOWEVER, MECHANISM FOR INDEPENDENCE IS NEGOTIABLE. HE EMPHASIZED IF PORTUGUESE RECOGNIZE OUR RIGHTS FOR INDEPENDENCE, FRELIMO IS PREPARED TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON METHOD OF FULFILLING THAT RIGHT.

2. MACHEL COMMENTED THAT DURING PAST TWO DAYS FRELIMO CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MEETING IN DAR ES SALAAM IN ORDER TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE AS RESULT OF PROGRESS OF LIBERATION WAR AND POLICY CHANGES FOLLOWING NEW GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL. ALTHOUGH NEW PORTUGUESE LEADERS HAVE ANNOUNCED DESIRE TO TALK WITH
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LIBERATION GROUPS, FRELIMO HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY PORTUGUESE

DELEGATION. WE ARE NOT URGING TALKS WITH PORTUGUESE. OUR
LIBERATION WAR IS REVOLUTION FOR BUILDING NEW NATION IN
MOZAMBIQUE.

3. DENYING PORTUGUESE CLAIM THAT FRELIMO HAS RECEIVED DELEGATION
FROM MOZAMBIQUE, MACHEL EXPLAINED FRELIMO IS IN TOUCH WITH SOME
OF ITS MEMBERS WHO LEFT MOZQMBIQUE LAST WEEK FOLLOWING THEIR
RELEASE FROM JAIL. MACHEL ADDED THAT AFTER THEIR RELEASE,
THEY WERE CALLED BY PORTUGUESE FOR DISCUSSIONS. ACCORDING TO
MACHEL, THEY REFUSED TO HOLD DICUSSIONS WITH PORTUGUESE
OFFICIALS ON GROUND THEY DID NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT
FRELIMO. MACHEL SAID THEY DO NOT, THEREFORE, REPRESENT
PORTUGUESE AND AFTER LISTENING TO THEM WE HAVE CONTINUED WITH
OUR CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING.
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